IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Tom ALTUS et al.

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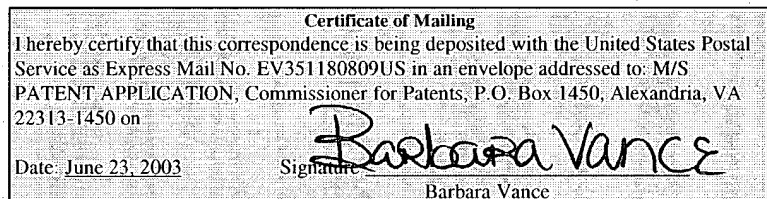
PARENT
APPLICATION
FILED : December 30, 1999

FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EFFICIENT HARDWARE
IMPLEMENTATION OF A PERFECT PRECISION BLENDING
FUNCTION OR EFFICIENT HARDWARE IMPLEMENTAION OF
MULTIPLYING BY A FRACTION

GROUP ART UNIT : 2124

EXAMINER : Tan V.
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M/S: PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002, please cancel claims 1-6, and 27 in this Divisional application leaving claims 7-26, and 28-30, prior to calculating fees.

Applicant elected to prosecute claims 1-6 and 27 (Group I) in the parent application and filed this Divisional application to prosecute the remaining claims, 7-26 and 28-30 (Group II). This application claims benefit of the December 30, 1999 filing date of the parent application.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 if this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims and begins on page 3 of this paper.